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EUROPE'S HIGHWAYS

Foreign Countries Making a Big Profit From Good Roads.

It is claimed by some that the building of roads is strictly a local matter, that the benefits are entirely local and that the whole expense should be borne by the local communities. This is not the view taken in the most progressive countries of Europe. There the building and maintenance of roads are important functions of government. France, Germany and Switzerland are covered by a network of the finest roads in the world. As a result, the western half of Europe is the pleasure ground of the world. The revenue derived from tourists is one of the principal sources of income for people of nearly all classes. But without these good roads this revenue could never be secured.

The aim of the people in those countries is to make their grand mountains, their beautiful lakes, their lovely valleys, their castles and monuments easily accessible by means of fine, hard, smooth roads.

What a contrast appears when we turn to our own country! We have the finest scenery in the world in the great mountains of the west, but it is practically inaccessible. Except as they get glimpses of it from car windows, the grandeur of our mountains and canyons and the beauty of our mountain lakes, streams and valleys are a sealed book to the general traveling public. And this will always be the case so long as steep, stony mountain trails are the only means of travel beyond the railway lines. Indeed much of our finest scenery cannot be reached even by such trails.

If the United States government, in co-operation with the states and local communities, would build great smooth highways, making the wonders and beauties of our great west easily accessible to tourists, in a few years the tide of travel would be turned westward. Not only would millions of dollars be spent annually by Americans in Europe but kept at home, but other millions would be brought to our shores by tourists from foreign lands.

But the natural attractions of our country are not the only things which are made inaccessible by the lack of good roads. Our places of historic interest are mostly in the same category. Take, for instance, Monticello, home and forest of the immortal Jefferson. Few Americans even know where it is, much less visit it. Monticello is only three miles from the city of Charlottesville, Va., which is on two great trunk lines. Why, then, is it so little known? Because three miles of about as bad road as can be imagined lie between it and the railway station. One cannot travel over that narrow, steep, rough, muddy country road without a feeling of shame. At present an effort is being made by a small band of patriotic men and women to build what is known as the Jefferson Memorial road, to make Monticello accessible to the public, but only a beginning has been made, and they are finding it uphill work to raise funds to complete the task.

But, after all, the encouragement of travel is not the most important reason for the building of good roads. They are absolutely necessary for the prosperity and happiness of the people. The era of railroad building on a large scale is practically over. In the course of commercial and industrial development we have reached a point where the great problem of improving the common roads must be faced. We can no longer treat it as a local question. We have tried that for three-quarters of a century, and in nearly every section of the country the miserable results are apparent.

The good roads problem will never be solved locally. It is too vast. It can be solved only by the genius, the wealth, the labor and the patriotism of the whole people. A great national movement is necessary. In co-operation of the nation, the states, the counties and the local communities lies the solution of the problem.

Marketing Farm Products.
In a report of the industrial commission on the marketing and distribution of farm products the cost of hauling the products from the farms of the United States to the nearest market or railway station is given as \$99,194,000 a year. The average haul to the nearest shipping point is twelve miles, the average cost 25 cents per ton per mile, or \$3 a ton for the twelve miles. Few farmers take into consideration the item of expense. The most important factor in reducing the cost is good roads, for much larger loads can be hauled, much less time taken, and a great saving in horse-flesh and in the wear and tear on vehicles effected. An other important factor in favor of good roads is in being able to get produce to market during the time of high prices.

How to Prevent Croup.
It will be good news to the mothers of small children to learn that croup can be prevented. The first sign of croup is hoarseness. A day or two before the attack the child becomes hoarse. Give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy freely as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the rough cough appears, and it will dispel all symptoms of croup. It is in fact, the only remedy that can always be depended upon and that is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by all druggists.

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Sold His Salmon.

Gus Ulrich, who has the Pender fishing grounds at the mouth of Smith River under lease, this fall caught and salted 60 barrels of salmon from which he will net considerable profit, salt salmon bringing a good price at the present time. The cost of putting the salmon up was considerable less this year than last, from the slump in price of salt. In 1902 he paid in San Francisco \$16.50 a ton for salt, while this year the same article was purchased at \$8.50 a ton. Mr. Ulrich has also made arrangements for shipping his salmon via Foreka, which will save him considerable over hauling to this point and shipping to San Francisco.—Del Norte Record.

Is Now Playing Checkers.

A fellow named Frank Handle stole some money, a watch and violin last week at Myrtle Creek. He made the mistake of his life by stopping off at Glendale while en route south with his plunder. Marshal Jones being notified, nabbed the thief and took him back to Myrtle Creek, from which place he was bound over to the grand jury, and is now playing checkers with his nose in the county jail at Roseburg.—Glendale News.

Coughing Spell Cured Death.

"Harry Duck well, aged 25 years, choked to death early yesterday morning at his home, in the presence of his wife and child. He contracted a slight cold a few days ago and paid but little attention to it. Yesterday morning he was seized with a fit of coughing which continued for some time. His wife sent for a physician, but before he could arrive, another coughing spell came on and Duck well died from suffocation.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat, Dec. 1, 1901."

Ballard's Horehound Syrup would have saved him. 25c, 50c and \$1.00 at Slosser Drug Co.

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MOUNTAIN TOP TUMBLES

And Changes Configuration of Old Ranier.

A prodigious slide, lasting several days, has entirely changed the configuration of the southern and highest eminence of Mount Ranier, and has reduced the height of the mountain. The peak at the summit of the mountain toppled over and millions of tons of earth and rock went crashing down the mountain side. The phenomenon was witnessed by many business men of Olympia. G. E. Higgins, a well-known stockman, gives the following account of the affair in the Evening Telegram:

"Myself and others, including ex-State Senator Ruth, were started last Tuesday morning by what we at first believed to be a severe earthquake shock. What was at first a trembling and shaking of the earth was soon accompanied by noises as of great reports similar to the firing of heavy artillery. These gradually increased to a great roar. It was then plain to be seen what was happening. The southeastern peak of Mount Ranier had broken off, and the entire mass was tumbling down the slope of the mountain.

"For a long time it was impossible to tell just how much of the peak had broken loose, as the track of the avalanche of rock slide was enveloped in dust.

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U. C. T. U. Column

The W. C. T. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Lee Calvert, Friday, January 1, at 2:30 p. m.

A missionary, whose busy life was suddenly arrested by an illness that brought her to the parting of the world, had visions of service and influence far beyond the common bounds.

"O," said she, "I never thought before of every woman putting her hand under the hand of every other woman! Had you ever thought of it that way? And her pale face shone with smiles of joy as she saw the possibility of womanhood, the world over, thus enlisted in mutual helpfulness. The figure is worth pondering. For the open palm extended in greeting is also the gesture of assistance and relief. It is the sign of friendship and love, of invitation and good cheer.

It expresses generosity, service, consecration, uplift. It is like the hand of Him who welcomed little children, and who said to weary, sin-cursed multitudes, "Come unto me, and I will give you rest!"

What if that dream were realized, and every woman who knows his love would reach her hand of sympathy and help toward every other woman for whom he died—Rev. F. B. Price.

Eugene, Or., Dec. 18.—The city authorities have ordered all money paying nickel-in-the-slot machines to be closed, and today the scores of machines in the various saloons and cigar stores were turned face to the wall and the "rounders" who were wont to throw away their small change this way were a disappointed look when informed that they could not play the machines.

This move is following on the heels of the closing down of the gambling games. While many contend that the present moral wave is only a repetition of former spasmodic actions on the part of the city officials along this line, the police declare that they intend to keep the games closed all the time if it is possible to do so.

Would not the morals of Grants Pass be better, and the people happier, if Eugene was imitated in this instance? Is not the law on our side? and if so, cannot some of our good people make a move in this direction?

Fight Will Be Bitter.
Those who will persist in closing their eyes against the continual recommendation of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, will have a long and bitter fight with their troubles, if not ended earlier by fatal termination. Read what T. R. Bell, Miss. has to say: "Last fall my wife had every symptom of consumption. She took Dr. King's New Discovery after everything else had failed. Improvement came at once and four bottles entirely cured her." Guaranteed by National Drug Store and Grants Pass Pharmacy. Price 50c, and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

The printer's boy was devoted to the minister's daughter, and she finally prevailed upon him to go to church. Whether her father knew of their coming is not definitely settled, but there is evidence that he did, for he gave out his text, "My daughter is grievously tormented with a devil."

The printer's boy has been a little afraid of church ever since.—Chicago Post.

To improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion, try a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Mr. J. H. Setts, of Detroit, Mich., says, "They restored my appetite when impaired, relieved me of a bloated feeling and caused a pleasant and satisfactory movement of the bowels." For sale by all druggists. Every box warranted.

Southern Oregon must be receiving the overflowing of the creek element from Portland. At least there have been burglaries and hold-ups reported from Grants Pass and Ashland, and now comes Gold Hill with two burglaries in one night.

Austin's Report—Cards for school use for sale at the Courier office—75c per hundred.

A. E. Voorhies Photo Supplies.